

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-7-7**

Date Prepared: July 3, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: July 7, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: July 7, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D96.2.22/SB396 - To discuss responses to discussion points on rules, other matters as necessary (7/8/97)
2. PSC vs. USWC:EAS Implementation Docket D97.7.116 - To review draft complaint and authorize service of complaint on USWC (7/8/97)
3. "One-Call" - Discuss PSC authority to enforce "one-call" statutes (7/8/97)
4. Ronan Telephone Docket N97.6.101 - Discuss RTC's Request for Waiver of ARM 38.5.2735(1)(f), Commission's rule requiring it to file relevant incremental cost studies (7/8/97)
5. USWC\Havre Answering Service and USWC\Beaverhead Electronics Dockets D97.6.104 & D97.6.105 - Address USWC's requests to approve agreements without a hearing and without intervention (7/8/97)
6. USWC 1996 Annual Report Docket N97.6.115 - Discuss USWC's Motion for a Protective Order (7/8/97)

7. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY - Docket D97.3.55 (Will)

In March 1997, MPC filed an Electric Integrated Least Cost Resource Plan Status Report after the PSC granted its request for a waiver of the requirement to file a complete plan. In April, 1997 the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Opportunity to Comment on the Status Report. No Comments were received. A Notice of Commission Action has been drafted which closes this Docket.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS - Docket D97.2.33 (Kate)

On June 26, 1997, Central Montana Communications filed new tariffs to replace its original payphone tariff filing of last December (N96.12.214) that was made pursuant to orders issued by the Federal Communications Commission. The original filing had been suspended in its entirety. Staff recommends the commission approve this replacement filing on an interim basis pending the outcome of the payphone inquiry proceeding, with the exception of the company's proposed elimination of semipublic telephone service.

3. EXPRESS PIPELINE PARTNERSHIP - Docket D96.5.91 (Denise)

Express has filed a Notice of Federal Common Carrier Status satisfying the Commission direction of July 3, 1996. Action closing docket.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.6.109 (Nina)

On June 25, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corp., filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-11 proposing to make textual changes to the Intralata PBX Reprogramming Promotion and the 1+ Local Toll Promotion.

2. ENERGY WEST - Docket D97.6.112 (Eric)

On June 26, 1997, EW filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than \$8,000,000 in long-term debt securities. The Company notes that it has expanded its plant in Ulm, Cascade and West Yellowstone, Montana. It has also acquired the distribution system in Payson, Arizona. The Company believes that its level of short-term debt and favorable interest rates make this an appropriate time to convert its short-term debt into long-term securities.

3. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N97.6.101 (Vicki)

Ronan Telephone Company has filed an Application for Approval of Detariffed New Services - Advanced Calling Service. The services include: Repeat Dialing, Call Return, Call Trace, Priority Ringing, Preferred Call Forwarding, Call Screening, Special Call Acceptance and Caller ID.

4. US WEST - Docket N97.6.110 (Bonnie)

On June 25, 1997, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 97-22 with modifications to terms and conditions for the Guaranteed Rate Calling Connection Plan. The filing introduces an additional usage threshold (250 hours for new customers) and adjusts the existing thresholds to account for the potential customer impact of the EAS conversions scheduled during 1997.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

USWC Docket D96.12.220 - NSA amending procedural schedule was served July 3, 1997

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-7-14

Docket N97.6.109 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Nina)
Docket D97.6.112 ENERGY WEST (Eric)
Docket N97.6.110 US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie)

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N97.6.111 Excel/Telco Communications; Notice of Plan to Merger
- D97.6.112 Energy West - Security Issue
- D97.6.113 WorldCom - Company Reorganization
- N97.6.114 Clark Fork Telecommunications - Intro Enhanced Internet Access
- N97.6.115 USWC - Motion for Protective Order; 1996 Annual Report,
Schedules 23, 24 & 27
- D97.7.116 PSC Complaint; PSC vs. USWC/EAS Implementation